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SUBJECT: REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING NEW U.S. ANTI-BOYCOTT
LEGISLATION -- JORDAN

REF: A) STATE 142390, B) JIDDA 3793, C) DOHA 648,
D) MUSCAT 905, E) KUWAIT 3420, F) ABU DHABI 1893

1. ON JULY 5, AMBASSADOR CALLED ON GOJ MINISTER OF
FINANCE MOHAMMAD DABBAS TO DISCUSS EXPORT ADMINISTRATION
ACT ANTI-BOYCOTT PROVISIONS. AMBASSADOR PROVIDED
MINISTER WITH COPY OF STATEMENT CONTAINED PARAGRAPH #6
OF REFTEL A) AND CAREFULLY REVIEWED STATEMENT WITH HIM.
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AMBASSADOR PLACED PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON ISSUE OF
POSITIVE CERTIFICATION OF ORIGIN AND REMINDED MINISTER
THAT GOJ HAD OFTEN STATED TO EMBASSY THAT WHEN
OTHER ARAB STATES WERE ABLE TO ACCEPT POSITIVE CERTIFICA-
TION, GOJ WOULD ALSO, THOUGH IT WOULD BE POLITICALLY
IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOJ TO GET OUT IN FRONT ON THIS ISSUE.
AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT

NUMBER OF OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES ACCEPT POSITIVE CERTIFICATIONS (REFTEL B) - F)) AND THAT IN KEEPING WITH ITS OWN STATEMENTS OF POLICY TO EMBASSY, JORDAN SHOULD NOW BE ABLE TO DO SO. AMBASSADOR TOLD DABBAS THAT HE WILL ALSO RAISE THIS MATTER WITH PRIME MINISTER BADRAN. MINISTER LISTENED TO PRESENTATION INTENTLY AND SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS AMBASSADOR'S REPRESENTATION AND STATEMENT PROVIDED WITH GOJ, TAKING PARTICULAR NOTE OF POSITIVE CERTIFICATION ISSUE. OTHERWISE, MINISTER WAS NONCOMMITTAL.

2. EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICER WILL MAKE FOLLOW UP CALLS ON CENTRAL BANK, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE, AND CHAMBER OF INDUSTRY. DISCUSSION ALREADY HELD WITH DIRECTOR OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WAS SUCCESSFUL IN MAINTAINING PRACTICE OF HONEST AND FRIENDLY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. WE EXPECT THIS TO BE ALSO CASE WITH GOJ MINISTRIES AS WELL AS PRIVATE SECTOR. CONSIDERED JORDANIAN REACTION, THUS FAR RESERVED, WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO AWAIT PUBLICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS BEING PREPARED BY DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.
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